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FROM POPPER FOR JORDEN

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: PANAMA 05298

1. WHILE I AGREE THAT CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR
PRE-TREATY PLANNING WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, I DO NOT SEE
A USEFUL ATMOSPHERE FOR CONSULTATIONS AT THIS TIME.
DURING RECENT ACTIVITY ON THE HANSEN AMENDMENTS, WE
HAVE KEPT OUR PROFILE AS LOW AS POSSIBLE RELYING ON
KEY CONGRESSMEN TO NEUTRALIZE CONGRESSMAN HANSEN'S
EFFORTS TO THWART TREATY IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING. WE
WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE THIS STRATEGY.

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2. I HAVE BEGUN A SERIES OF CALLS ON INDIVIDUAL CON-
GRESSMEN AND SENATORS INTERESTED IN PANAMA, AND FIND
LITTLE DESIRE AMONG MEMBERS AND STAFF TO BECOME EVEN
SLIGHTLY INVOLVED IN PANAMA ISSUES IF THEY CAN AVOID
THEM. NOT EVEN OUR FRIENDS WANT TO TOUCH THE ISSUE
BEFORE THE ELECTION. HOWEVER, I EXPECT THAT THIS

MOOD WILL DISAPPEAR AFTER THE ELECTION AND THAT A BETTER BASIS FOR CONSULTATIONS WILL EMERGE ONCE HEARINGS BEGIN ON THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION.

3. ON THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SIDE, WE ARE AS YOU KNOW GEARING OURSELVES UP THROUGH ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND BY SELECTING FOR ACTION PARTICULAR ITEMS WHICH CAN BE HANDLED MORE OR LESS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION. FROM YOUR REPORTING WE OBSERVE THAT THE PANAMA REVIEW COMMITTEE IS MONITORING THE PLANNING ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY PAN CANAL AND SOUTHCOM, WITH THE DUAL PURPOSE OF REACHING CONCEPTUAL AND PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT, AND OF PREPARING FOR ACTUAL TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. AT BOTH ENDS OF THE LINE WE DETECT AN APPRECIATION OF THE DANGERS OF PRE-IMPLEMENTATION WHICH WOULD PREEMPT OR OTHERWISE CONDITION THE ACTION CONGRESS WILL ULTIMATELY TAKE.

4. IN SUM, WE ARE AWARE OF THE PROBLEM YOU HAVE HIGHLIGHTED AND AGREE ON THE NEED FOR CAUTION. AS SOON AS THE ELECTION IS BEHIND US, WE WILL MOVE AHEAD WITH YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE GIVE INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BRIEFINGS ON WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE PLAN TO DO; AS YOU SUGGEST, THIS MAY INVOLVE SOME TRIPS TO THE ISTHMUS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. VANCE

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